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REACTION TO NEB AND LYSYK RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. CYI ANNOUNCED AUGUST 4 THAT IT WOULD JOIN WITH YUKON CONSERVATION SOCIETY IN SUIT AGAINST NEB RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING FOOTHILLS-YUKON (ALCAN) PROJECT (REPORTED REF A). SUIT CONTENDS THAT NEB HAD NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND DAWSON DIVERSION OR POSSIBLE LINK TO MACKENZIE DELTA VIA DEMPSTER HIGHWAY SINCE NEITHER ROUTE HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO BOARD IN APPLICATION. CYI HAS ALSO CONDEMNED LYSYK INQUIRY RECOMMENDATION OF DOLS 50 MILLION ADVANCE PAYMENT BY GOC ON YUKON NATIVE LAND CLAIM. INDIANS VIEW THIS AS GOVERNMENT BRIBE WHICH DEMEANS THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE JUST SETTLEMENT OF LAND CLAIMS.

2. DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS (DINA)
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OFFICIALS INFORM EMBASSY THAT CYI ADHERENCE TO ENVIRONMENTALIST LAWSUIT AND CONDEMNATION OF DOLS 50 MILLION ADVANCE PAYMENT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH PROGRESS TOWARD LAND CLAIM SETTLEMENT. CYI HAS INFORMED DINA THAT BOTH MOVES ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT. SUIT WILL BE FUTILE GESTURE BECAUSE GOC,

IF IT AGREES TO OVERLAND ROUTE, WILL ENACT SPECIAL
LEGISLATION NOT SUBJECT TO LITIGATION BYPASSING NEB
RECOMMENDATIONS. ENDERS

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